

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>04/0350Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual BX <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian & Military</u>	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>5 or 6 seconds</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>in NW</u>
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object. Two round lights (white) blinking - flew straight and level. Observer used binoculars. WX overcast.		11. COMMENTS Short duration. Two lights on one object. Alternating suggests a/c sighting.

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TO: COMDR, 4602D AISS, ENT AFB, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO *R-SEDEN*

INFO CY: 4602D AISS, FLT 1-C, OXNARD AFB, CALIFORNIA *RJWPJB*

(UNCLASSIFIED) FROM AFQIN-4E4 3-398-E

REFERENCE TT MESSAGE 69-0PS 090-Y FROM COMDR 669, ACWRON, PORHUE, CALIFORNIA. RE UFO SIGHTING OBSERVED NIGHT, 0800Z, 23 MARCH 1957 BY MRS. ██████████ OXNARD, CALIFORNIA. IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE PUBLICITY, NUMEROUS WITNESSES, AND POLICE AND SHERIFF BROUGHT IN ON CASE, REQUEST PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION. REQUEST BRIEF SUMMARY OF FINDINGS BY TT MESSAGE.

COORDINATION:

AFQIN-4E4 Henry A. Miley DATE 27/3/57AFQIN-4E Dr. Henry A. Miley DATE 3/27

DATE 27	TIME 0935
MONTH MAR	YEAR 1957

WRITER	SYMBOL AFQIN-4E4	SIGNATURE <i>Robert E. O'Connor</i>	
	TYPED NAME AND TITLE Captain G.T. Gregory	TYPED NAME AND TITLE ROBERT E. O'CONNOR	
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MANHATTAN, BAZAR, FAYONE, BAGONE, 01 AIRCRAFT SCRANLED 4
BLOCKED AND ALONG FRONT PAGE WHISKEY, BSA SWARM CONTROL, NEGATIVE
CONTACT ALTHOUGH REPORTED IN MERGE WITH UFOS TWICE. FPN, ART CONTROL
PASS TO TOWER VISUAL, NEGATIVE CONTACT ALTHOUGH ALSO REPORTED IN
MERGE WITH UFOL, i.e. MODERATE IN L.A. AREA. 11. BOTH BLOODSTONE
ALPHA FLIGHT AND FRONT PAGE WHISKEY FLIGHT THOROUGHLY SEARCHED
THE AREA IN QUEST OF BUT WERE UNABLE TO CONTACT THE UFOS.

NEITHER PILOT SAW THE SIGNAL LIGHTS OF THE POLICE; THE POSSIBILITY

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OF ERRONEOUSLY IDENTIFIED RADIO BEACON CANNOT BE ENTIRELY DISCONTINUED DESPITE THE REPORTED MOBILITY OF THE OBJECTS IN QUESTION.

ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, GROUND OBSERVERS REPORTED VISUAL SIGHTINGS

ON BOTH THE INTERCEPTORS AND THE UFOE. IT MUST BE NOTED THAT ON

ONE OCCAISON, MRS. ██████████ REPORTED THAT A PALE GREEN BEAM OF

LIGHT HAD EMMITTED EARTHWARD FROM THE LARGER SPHERE WHICH SHE

ALTERNATELY DESCRIBED AS RESEMBLING "THE CANOPY OF A HELICOPTER"

AND "A PLANET", NO RADAR PICKUP OF THE UFOB WAS EVER ESTABLISHED.

MR. ██████████ AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, MADE THE INITIAL SIGHTING.

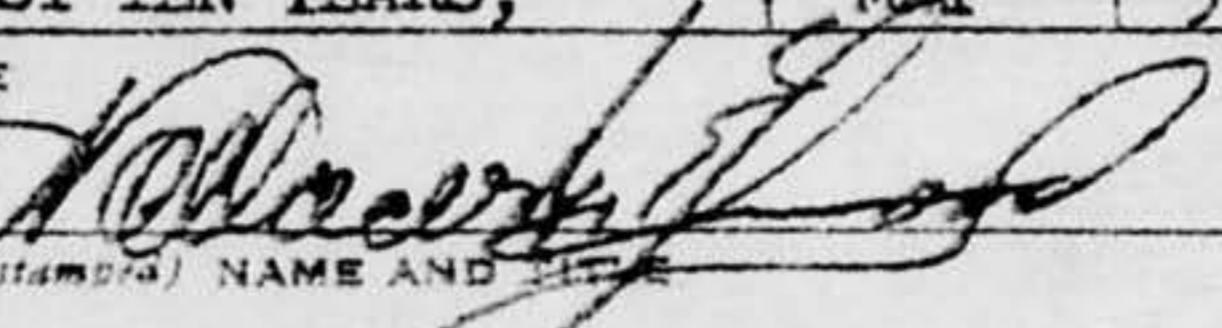
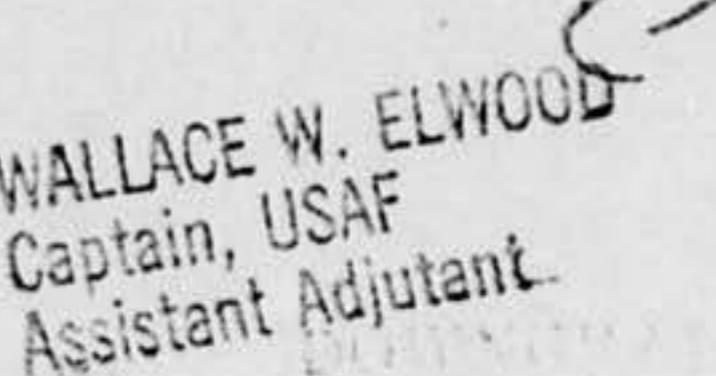
AND CALLED LT. [REDACTED] AT OXNARD, WHO, IN TURN, ALARMED AT HER.

EMOTIONAL CONDITION, ALERTED THE HIGHWAY PATROL, POLICE OFFICERS

ARRIVING AT MRS. ██████████ HOME ALSO SIGHTED THE UFGB AND ^{WRC}
COORDINATED WITH ART CONTROL TO AID IN THE ATTEMPTED INTERCEPTION

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FROM: AFOIN-4E4 DC-40354					
PART I - REFERENCE OUR MESSAGE AFOIN-4E4, 3-398-E DATED 27 MARCH 57 REQUESTING INVESTIGATION OF OXNARD CALIFORNIA INCIDENT OF 23 MARCH, AS REPORTED ON TT-MSG 69-OPS-Y FROM COMDR, 669 ACWRON. NO DETAILS CONCERNING THIS CASE RECEIVED AS YET; ONLY COMMENT IN YOUR UFO SUMMARY WITH STATEMENT WAS ASTRONOMICAL. THIS INCIDENT RECOGNIZED BY THIS CENTER AS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ^{b1} IN THAT IT COULD GIVE AIR FORCE UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY, IF EXPLOITED BY FANATIC OR DIE-HARD "FLYING SAUCER" PROPONENTS. THIS NOW DEFINITE ^{b7B} POSSIBILITY, WITH RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM ████████ , NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON UFOS, DEMANDING FULL DETAILS AND ANSWERS TO CERTAIN ASPECTS OF OXNARD INCIDENT NOT SUPPORTED BY INFORMATION IN FILE.					
OFFICIALLY, THIS INCIDENT DOES NOT WARRANT ACTION REQUIRED, BUT ████████ ABILITY TO SLANT MATERIAL AND CREATE UNWARRANTED TROUBLE FOR AIR FORCE, HIS STOCK IN TRADE FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS,					
SYMBOL		SIGNATURE			
AFOIN-4E4					
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Capt. G. T. Gregory					
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 WALLACE W. ELWOOD Captain, USAF Assistant Adjutant					
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REQUIRE NO COMMENT. PRESUME DETAILS, FINDINGS OR AF112, IN SUPPORT OF UFO SUMMARY CONCLUSION, IN PREPARATION. HOWEVER, NOW REQUEST IMMEDIATE TRANSMISSION OF DETAILS AND PERTINENT FACTS SURROUNDING THIS CASE AS REQUESTED IN TT-3-398-E, SO THAT THEY MAY BE FORWARDED TO HQS USAF, TOGETHER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICIAL REPLY TO [REDACTED] COMMITTEE.

PART II - IN ADDITION, TO ANSWER THIS COMMITTEE'S CHARGES, COMMENTS TO FOLLOWING DESIRED SPECIFICALLY:

- a. OUR UFO REPORT, 69-OPS-Y, REFERENCED ABOVE, STATES FOUR AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED, WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] CLAIMS FOUR UFOS CONTACTED.
- b. DO NOT KNOW SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION, BUT [REDACTED] ALLEGES DETAILED REPORT PREPARED BY OXNARD PILOT DESCRIBING ONE UFO, ALSO ITS SPEED ESTIMATED AT 3600 MPH.
- c. WERE THERE ANY CLASSIFIED PILOT'S AND RADAR REPORTS OF THE INCIDENT AS CLAIMED? IF SO, AND NORMALLY AF REPORTS OF SUCH NATURE MIGHT BE, THROUGH WHAT MEANS OR SOURCE DID [REDACTED] RECEIVE SUCH INFORMATION, INASMUCH AS IT WOULD BE BREACH OF SECURITY?
- d. NOT CLEAR, AND SOMEWHAT CONFUSING, REPORT ON OBSERVER: RISES FROM BED, GLANCES OUT OF WINDOW, SEES OBJECT HIGH IN SKY, OBSERVED FOR 1½, REPEAT 1½ HOURS, THEN GETS HYSTERICAL WITH FEAR.
- e. WAS LT. OTT, APPARENTLY OFFICER ON DUTY, WHICH OBSERVER CONTACTED, FOLLOWING LOCAL PROCEDURES IN ALERTING HIGHWAY PATROL FIRST LTD AND AF INTERCEPTORS WITHOUT TAKING ACTION TO CHECK THE INCIDENT?

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FURTHER, IN VIEW OF HIS ADMITTED KNOWLEDGE OF HER EMOTIONAL CONDITION? THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME SUBJECTIVITY ON THE PART OF THIS OFFICER.

HQS USAF CANNOT BE SUPPLIED WITH DETAILS AND ANSWERS TO ABOVE WITHOUT FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER.

COORDINATION:

AFOIN-4E4 Henry A. Miley DATE 14/5/57
Dr. Henry A. Miley

AFOIN-4E HK Gilbert DATE 14/5/57
Col H. K. Gilbert

APOIN-4X1 A. Arcier DATE 15/5/57
Mr. A. F. Arcier

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/UNCLAS/ AISOC 475 PD REFERENCE YOUR AFOIN 4E4 IC40354 PD

FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUBMITTED CLN SOURCE ██████████ CMM

RELIABILITY QTE POSSIBLY RELIABLE UN QTE REPORTED THE FOLLOWING
CLN QTE SOURCE AROSE FROM BED TO ANSWER TELEPHONE PD WHILE ON PHONE
SOURCE OBSERVED UNUSUAL GREEN OBJECT IN NORTHEAST SKY AT ABOUT TEN
DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON PD OBJECT SEEMED TO THROB AND PULSATE PD
NO SOUND PD OBJECT ALTERATELY AHAD AND DID NOT HAVE A TAIL PD SHINY
ALUMINUM LIKE PLE APPEARED AT TIMES ON TOP OF OBJECT PD OBJECT
WAS SEEN TO MOVE AT GREAT SPEEDS AND ALSO TO REMAIN STATIC PF
OBJECT SEEN FOR FIVE HOUR FORTY FIVE MINUTES PD UNQTE BASED ON THIS

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INFORMATION EVALUATION WAS ASTRONOMICAL

INFORMATION EVALUATION OF "WAS ASTRONOMICAL" WAS IIVEN THIS SIGHTING
PD FOLLOWING INFORMAITION IS QUOTED FROM SUPPLEMENTARY ENVESTIGATIVE
REPORTS ON AF FORM 112 CLN THE 669TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING
SQUADRON LOCATED ON SANTA ROSA ISLAND WAS CONTACTED AND THE CONTROLLER
ON DUTY ON THE NIGHT OF 22/23 MAR FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION PD STATION OPERATIVE DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF SIGHTING
PD ONLY ONE PAINT WAS NOTED THAT NIGHT CMM FIVE HOURS BEFORE THE
SIGHTING WAS REPORTED PD CHECK WITH BASE OPERATIONS OXNARD AFB
DISCLOSED THE FOLLOWING CLN TWO F-89 AIRCRAFT CMM OXNARD BASED CMM
WERE RETURNING FROM A FLIGHT IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA WHEN INFORMED
BY THE CONTROLLER OF THE 669TH ACWRON OF OBJECTS IN AREA PD AIR
CRAFT WERE THEN VECTORED TO THE AREA OF SIGHTING PD A SEARCH FROM

ONE THOUSAND FEET ON UP WAS CONDUCTED PD AIRCRAFT REPORTED NEITHER VISUAL OR RADAR SIGHTING PD AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO BASE AND NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN PD MR ██████████ CMM ASTRONOMER AT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CLN ARTURUS WAS PRESENT IN THE NORTHEASTERN SKY SLIGHTLY BELOW A FORTY FIVE DEGREE ELEVATION DURING THE TIME OF SIGHTING PD MR BEATTY INDICATED THAT ARTURUS WAS VERY BRIGHT PD LT OTT CMM DUTY OFFICER STATED THAT HE

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CALLED SANTA ROSA ISLAND AND THEY SAID THEY HAS A PAINT IN APPROXIMAT
AREA OF SIGHTING PD HOWEVER LATER CONTACT WITH RADAR SITE DID NOT
SUPPORT THIS PAINT PD QUOTATION FROM STATEMENT OF LT OTT QTE
ALTHOUGH ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE GROUND OBSERVER REPORTED THE
AIRCRAFT CLOSE TO THE OBJECTS CMM NO CONTACT WAS MADE BY THE
AIR CREWS PD END QUOTE FROM REPORT THIS SIGHTING WAS
DEKINATELY CAUSED BY STAR CMM PROBABLY STAR ARTURUS PD ALTHOUGH
LT OTT SAID IN HIS STATEMENT THAT 669TH ACWRON WAS CARRYING
STATIONARY PAING IN CAMARILLO AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING CMM LT MARTIN
CMM DUTY CONTROLLER ON NIGHT OF 22/23 MAR 57 CMM DENIED
CARRYING A PLOT AT THIS TIME PD A LACK OF GROUND RADAR CONTACT CMM
PLUS THE FACT THAT NEITHER AIRBORN RADAR NOR CREWMEMBERS
OF F-89 INTERCEPTORS SAW ANY THING WOULD RULE OUT ANY UNUSUAL
OBJECT PD THIS HEADQUARTERS REGRETS THAT YOUR CENTER DOES NOT
HAVE AF FORM 112 ON SIGHTING PD SUBJECT REPORT WAS SENT FORM ADC
HEADQUARTERS ON 26 APR 57 PD IN FUTURE THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL MAIL

FROM HEADQUARTERS US AF PD END

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SUBJECT

Unidentified Flying Object

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AREA REPORTED ON

Camarillo, California

13 1957 FROM (Agency)

DATE OF REPORT

5 April 1957

DATE OF INFORMATION

22, 23 March 1957

EVALUATION

W/O INCL

PREPARED BY (Officer)

FRANK H. MARECKI, Major, USAF

SOURCE

Mrs. [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES (Enter number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

669th OPS 090-Y TT MSGT: Sqdn Guide 200-2, AFR 200-2.

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 113—Part II.)

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of Sighting and subsequent events by Mrs. [REDACTED], Camarillo, California

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: Unidentified flying objects were observed visually from a point (EJBE 0615) northeast of CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA (EJAE 5513) for a period of two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes on the evening of 22, 23 March 1957. The information in this report was obtained from the person seeing these objects and from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of this sighting.

III. INVESTIGATOR: S/Sgt JOHN T. FICKEN, AF 16371953

Frank H. Marecki

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Major USAF
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UNCLAS 6690PS 01G-Y PD UTOB PD 1.A. ROUND. B. BASKETBALL. C. WHITE.

D. ONE. E. N/A. F. TWO LIGHTS ON BOTTOM-ALTERNATING. G. NONE. H. NO

SOUND. I. NO FUSELAGE, WINGS, OR TAIL. 2.A. UNKNOWN. B. 45 DEGREES

N.W. AT SIGHTING. C. SAME AS 2B ABOVE. D. STRAIGHT AND LEVEL.

E. GRADUALLY BLACKED OUT. F. FIVE OR S

What magnification?

Presume, then, object standing
X SECONDS. 3.A. GROUND-VISUAL. *still*

B. BINOCULARS. C. N/A. 4.A. 04/0350Z. B. NIGHT. 5.BE3223 SYLMAR. 6.

A. [REDACTED] AGE 40, [REDACTED], SYLMAR. PTONE [REDACTED]

OCCUPATION UNK. B. [REDACTED], A/2C, OXNARD AFB. EST OF

RELIABILITY UNK. 7.A. CLEAR. B. UNK. C. 25 OVERCAST. D. 20 MILES.

E. TOTAL. F. NONE. G. NONE. H. NONE. I. NONE. 11. SENIOR DIRECTOR,

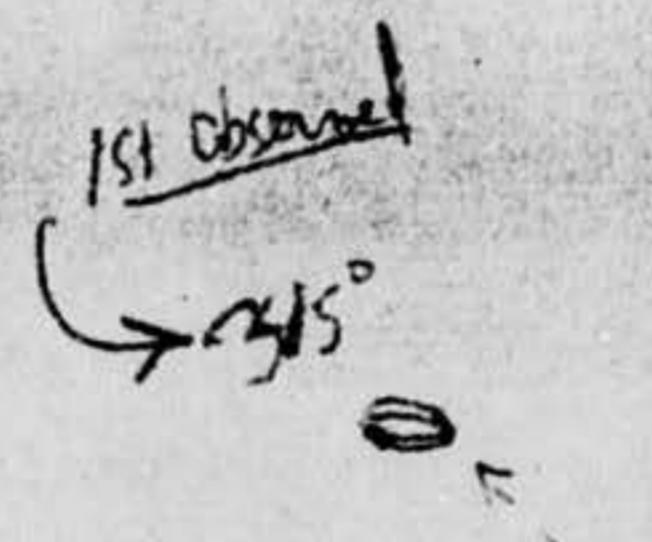
EDWARD R. MARTIN, 1ST LT. PROBABLY A LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT. 12. NONE.

PD END

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- ① Observed through binoculars
- ② Standing still
- ③ (written) Cloud cover or overcast?



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No winds or
Velocities given.

~~W~~ Flared up.
strongly suggests
balloon.
possibly balloon

No cap Dr. W.
made E. etc.

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PART ONE

I. SOURCE: Name Mrs. [REDACTED]
 Address [REDACTED] Drive, Camarillo, California
 Age 36
 Occupation Housewife
 Education High School plus 2½ years of accounting
 Qualifications None

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE, wife of a UNITED STATES AIR FORCE captain who was a Staff Judge Advocate, was very cooperative although seemingly concerned about being ridiculed because of reporting the sighting. SOURCE seemed above average in intelligence. SOURCE answered all questions quickly and without hesitation. Sometimes answers given were very general and not at all specific. SOURCE reached conclusions quickly without a great deal of reasoning or judgement. SOURCE tended to underestimate by a large percentage. SOURCE was positive she had seen something unusual but under cross-questioning many contradictions, especially times at which certain events had taken place during the sighting, were noted. SOURCE had made a sketch of the object during the sighting but had misplaced it so that it was not available during the interview. SOURCE seemed excitable and possibly a little "jumpy." On night of sighting her young daughter had been slightly ill, and SOURCE was possibly a little upset as her husband was away on TDY. SOURCE balked at using colors when sketching the object for the interviewer. SOURCE was alert and had good powers of concentration. In view of the foregoing the information given below may be considered possibly reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING AND EVENTS:

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1. At approximately 23/0718Z MAR 57 SOURCE arose from bed to answer the telephone. While on the phone SOURCE observed an unusual green object in the northeast sky at about ten (10) degrees above the horizon. The green object glowed fluorescently and was brighter than the surrounding stars.

2. SOURCE described the object as being round, but changing shape occasionally (See Incl #2) to that resembling a helicopter. Object was estimated to be about two and one half (2½) feet in diameter. SOURCE stated that at one time it appeared to be about the size of a quarter held at arm's length and at another time stated, it appeared about the size of a silver dollar held at arm's length. Object seemed to throb and pulsate. There was no sound. Object was sharply defined. Object alternately had and did not have a tail. A shiny aluminum-like pole appeared at times on top of the object. Object was seen to move at great speeds and also to remain static. Sometimes it jumped around. The object gave off no smoke and did not appear to change brightness.

3. SOURCE described the glow from the object as projecting downward only. SOURCE stated that the light definitely did not shine upward and compared the suppression of the glow to that created by blackout paint.

4. At approximately 23/0725Z MAR 57 SOURCE telephoned the Officer of the Day, a personal friend, at OXWARD AFB and reported the sighting.

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5. At about 23/0830Z MAR 57 SOURCE observed two smaller red objects to the ~~north of~~ the green object and below the horizon formed by the LOS PASOS hills to the ~~north east of~~ the observation point. The red objects were aligned horizontally and seemed to be jumping around. One object was continuously behind some trees about five hundred (500) yards away from the observation post and in front of the LOS PASOS hills which were about one and a half miles away. At this time both the green object and the two (2) red objects seemed to jump around. Upon arrival of interceptors from OXNARD AFB the red objects joined the green object and sped away in a direction up and to the east.

6. SOURCE made these observations from the kitchen of her home and also from the back porch. No optical instruments were used during the sighting. See Incl #1.

7. See Incl #3 for Statement by SOURCE.

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1. Flight of Objects
2. Green Object
3. Statement of SOURCE

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<p>Incl #1, Rept 1C-UFOB-1-57 Flight of Objects (SOURCE'S Memory Sketch, retouched)</p> <p>Light Green Instruments</p> <p>1. 20</p> <p>Illustration of points in distance</p> <p>NE</p> <p>1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12.</p> <table><tr><td>Pt. #1</td><td>Green Object</td></tr><tr><td>Pt. #2</td><td>Red Objects</td></tr><tr><td>Pt. #3</td><td>Path of Red Objects</td></tr><tr><td>Pt. #4</td><td>Path of Green Object</td></tr><tr><td>Pt. #5</td><td>Los Pasos Hills Horizon</td></tr><tr><td>Pt. #6</td><td>Orange Tree Grove</td></tr><tr><td>Pt. #7</td><td>Telephone Pole</td></tr><tr><td>Pt. #8</td><td>Guy Wires</td></tr><tr><td>Pt. #9</td><td>Poplar Tree Grove</td></tr></table>			Pt. #1	Green Object	Pt. #2	Red Objects	Pt. #3	Path of Red Objects	Pt. #4	Path of Green Object	Pt. #5	Los Pasos Hills Horizon	Pt. #6	Orange Tree Grove	Pt. #7	Telephone Pole	Pt. #8	Guy Wires	Pt. #9	Poplar Tree Grove
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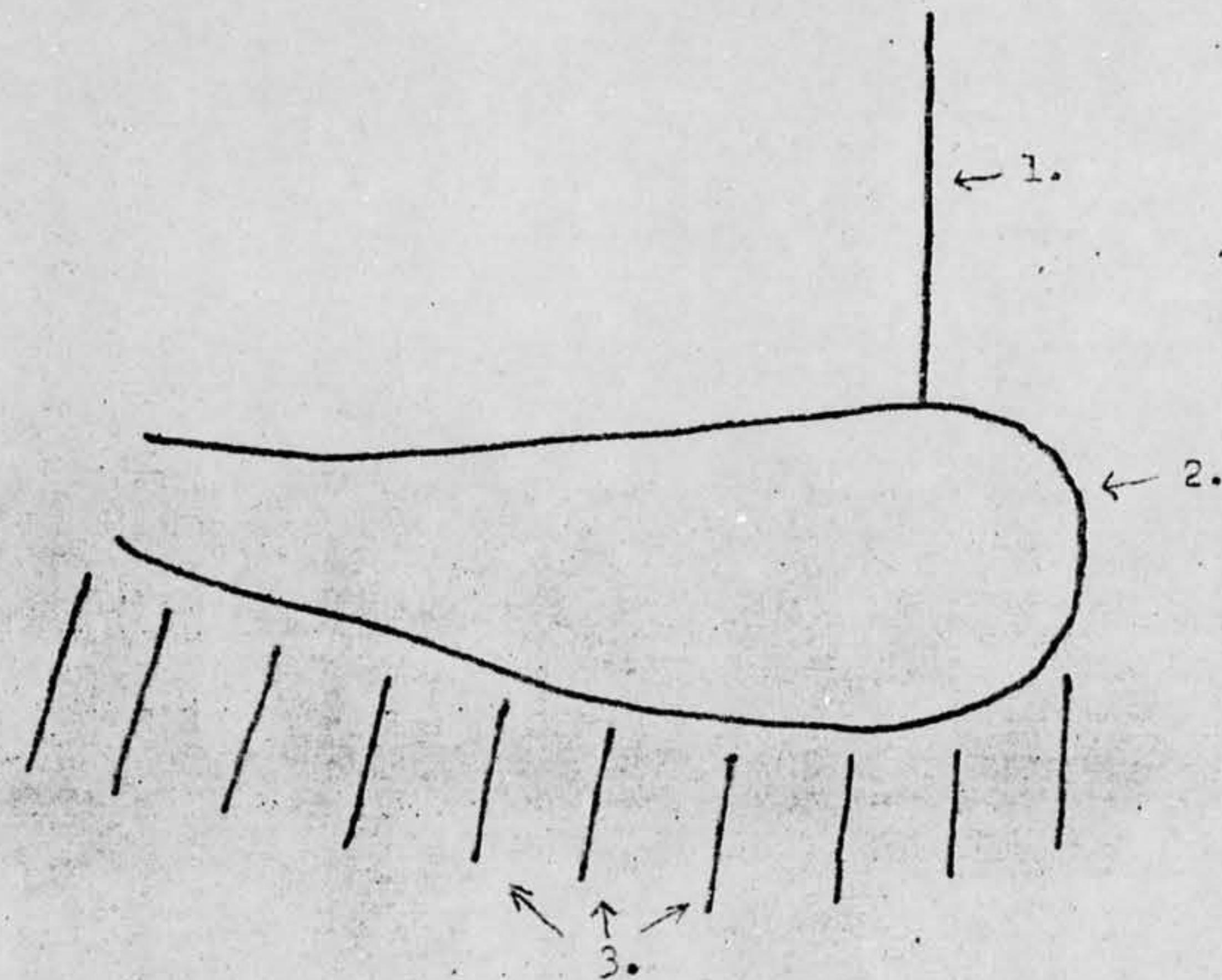
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Green Object (SOURCE's Memory Sketch, retouched)

Pt.##1. "Shiny" pole, not continually visible
Pt. #2. Body of object
Pt. #3. Light rays shining down



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Statement by SOURCE

STATEMENT

At about 11:15 P.M. 22 Mar. '57 Capt Linsley telephoned my home - I had just gone to bed. Answered my phone which is so located in our kitchen that in using it I look out the kitchen window facing East. I told Capt. Linsley "I'm sure I'm seeing my first flying saucer. Really [REDACTED] here, I'll call her" - We hung up and I called Oxnard Air Base at Capt. Linsley's suggestion. Carol & I watched the original 'green' light and subsequently (sic) 2 red objects (lights) from 2 East windows until the [REDACTED] (sic) found our house and arrived at 1:30 AM. I talked on the phone much of the 2 hr. interval to the O. D. at the Base - describing all the antics the green light performed and later the arrival of the 2 red "lights". The [REDACTED] (sic) arrived, talked on the phone - we all watched & looked until 3:30 AM, Mar 23, 1957.

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W-1 USAF
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PART TWO

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS

1. 1st Lt Leonard E. Ott, Officer of the Day on the night of 22, 23 March 1957 at OXNARD AFB, CALIFORNIA, was contacted and a statement from him received. See Incl #2,

2. The 669th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron located on SANTA ROSA ISLAND, mailing address PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA, was contacted and the controller on duty on the night of 22, 23 MAR 57 furnished the following information. 1st Lt Edward R. Martin, two (2) years experience at the station, said that the station was operative during the entire time of sighting. Only one paint was noted that night, at 0245Z, or five (5) hours before the sighting was reported. The paint was noted only once, held for five (5) minutes, then dropped. No other paints were recorded during the night although Lt Martin stated that this AC & W site does not normally pay much attention to overland activity being primarily interested in over-water, inbound traffic. Vectored aircraft had reported no contact with the object.

3. A check with Base Operations, OXNARD AFB, disclosed the following: Two (2) F-89 type aircraft, OXNARD based, were returning from a flight in the LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, area at about 23/0930Z MAR 57 when informed by the controller of the 669th AC & W Squadron of the objects in the CAMARILLO area. Aircraft were then vectored to the area of the sighting. A search from one thousand (1000) feet on up was conducted. Aircraft reported neither a visual nor a radar sighting. Aircraft returned to base and no further action was taken.

4. A check with Detachment 9, 4th Weather Squadron at OXNARD AFB revealed the following:

Winds:	Surface	variable	5 kts
6000 ft	050 degrees	10 kts	Note
10000 ft	315 degrees	50 kts	
16000 ft	335 degrees	50 kts	
20000 ft	325 degrees	65 kts	
30000 ft	315 degrees	70 kts	
50000 ft	275 degrees	60 kts	
80000 ft	Unk	Unk	

Temperature at 23/0900Z MAR 57 at the weather station was 43 degrees. Moonrise was at 23/0914Z MAR 57. There was no cloud cover and visibility was unlimited. There was a shallow surface base temperature inversion extending to one thousand (1000) feet.

5. Detachment 2, 4771st Ground Observer Corps, Pasadena Filter Center at PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, was contacted and the following information received: The filter center received a telephone call from an Airman Delaney, an Airpoliceman on duty at the main gate at OXNARD AFB, reporting the object in the CAMARILLO area. Airman Delaney did not see the object and was simply making the call at the request of the Officer of the Day, Lt Ott. The filter center received no unusual sighting reports from the CAMARILLO area on the night of the sighting.

6. The observatories at MT WILSON and MT PALOMAR, CALIFORNIA, were contacted and a report of no unusual activity received.

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7. Traffic Officer Robert E. Reed of the California Highway Patrol, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, gave the following information: At approximately 23/0818Z MAR 57 he received a report from OXNARD AFB on the unusual sighting. Traffic Officer Reed along with Traffic Officer Danilo Chalif proceeded to the CAMARILLO area but missed the turn-off on Barbara Drive. They continued into SIMI, CALIFORNIA, and turned west beyond the LOS PASOS hills where they saw what they described as two red lights apparently sitting in a field on the LAWTON Ranch. The traffic officers found no one st home at the LAWTON Ranch and proceeded out to the field where they found a barn with one red light on each of four (4) corners. They reported this by radio to the station at VENTURA and then back-tracked until they found the SOURCE's home on Barbara Drive. Upon arrival of the F-89 interceptors in the area traffic officers Reed and Chalif with other officers (See below) attempted to vector the F-89's to the immediate area of the observation point by flashing their spot lights into the air. This was unsuccessful. During the entire time that Traffic Officers Reed and Chalif were in the area they saw nothing unusual. The objects in question as pointed out to the traffic officers by the SOURCE were identified by the traffic officers simply as stars with only the normal movement of their rise in the eastern sky. Traffic Officers Reed and Chalif left the area at approximately 23/1000Z MAR 57.

8. Traffic Officer Robert H. Winter and Traffic Officer James F. Willson of the California Highway Patrol, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, also received orders to investigate the sighting and also found the barn with the red lights on it. They arrived at the LAWTON Ranch at about 23/0820Z MAR 57. They then proceeded to Barbara Drive arriving at 23/0915Z MAR 57. Traffic Officers Winter and Willson also participated in the unsuccessful attempt to vector the F-89 interceptors to the area by spot lights. They reported seeing nothing unusual. There was no unusual sound or movement. The night was extremely clear and cool. Traffic Officers Winter and Willson were positive that there were only stars present and a little later the moon. They left the area at approximately 23/1000Z MAR 57.

9. Sgt Earl Watson of the California Highway Patrol, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, was not available for interview but his superior, Captain Howard Marsh, of the California Highway Patrol, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, had received the report on the sighting from Sgt Watson. Captain Marsh said that Sgt Watson's report corroborated the contents of the reports submitted by Traffic Officers Reed, Chalif, Willson, and Winter.

10. Deputy Sheriff Nickol Rouce of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office was contacted and he submitted the following information: At 23/0757Z MAR 57 he arrived at SOURCE'S residence. Deputy Rouce observed from the same spot as SOURCE but saw nothing unusual. He identified the objects reported by the SOURCE as nothing but stars rising in the eastern sky at their normal rate. He described the weather as extremely clear, chilly, cloudless with the moonrise at about 23/0930Z MAR 57. There was a glow in the eastern sky from the North American Rocketdyne Plant at SIMI, CALIFORNIA, EJEE 1316, but Deputy Rouce said that it was not bright enough to affect the visibility to the northeast

11. Mr. Beatty, astronomer at San Bernardino Valley College, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, supplied the following information: A bright star, ARTURUS, was present in the northeastern sky slightly below a forty five (45) degree elevation during the time of the sighting. Two (2) lesser stars, POLLUX and CASTOR, possibly giving a reddish appearance, were also present in the northeastern sky just above the horizon at the time of the sighting. This information was taken from his files and the stars were not actually observed visually from the observatory during the night of the sighting.

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12. The North American Rocketdyne Plant at SIMI, CALIFORNIA, reported no unusual activity at the plant during the night of 22, 23 March 1957.

13. Deputy Sheriff Segura of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office was also contacted but he stated that he had not taken an active part during the sighting. He was on duty as the switchboard operator at the Sheriff's Office in VENTURA, CALIFORNIA.

14. No physical evidence was found.

15. See Incl #1 for sketch of area of sighting and location of LAWTON Ranch.

determined that he was contacting H. Ott

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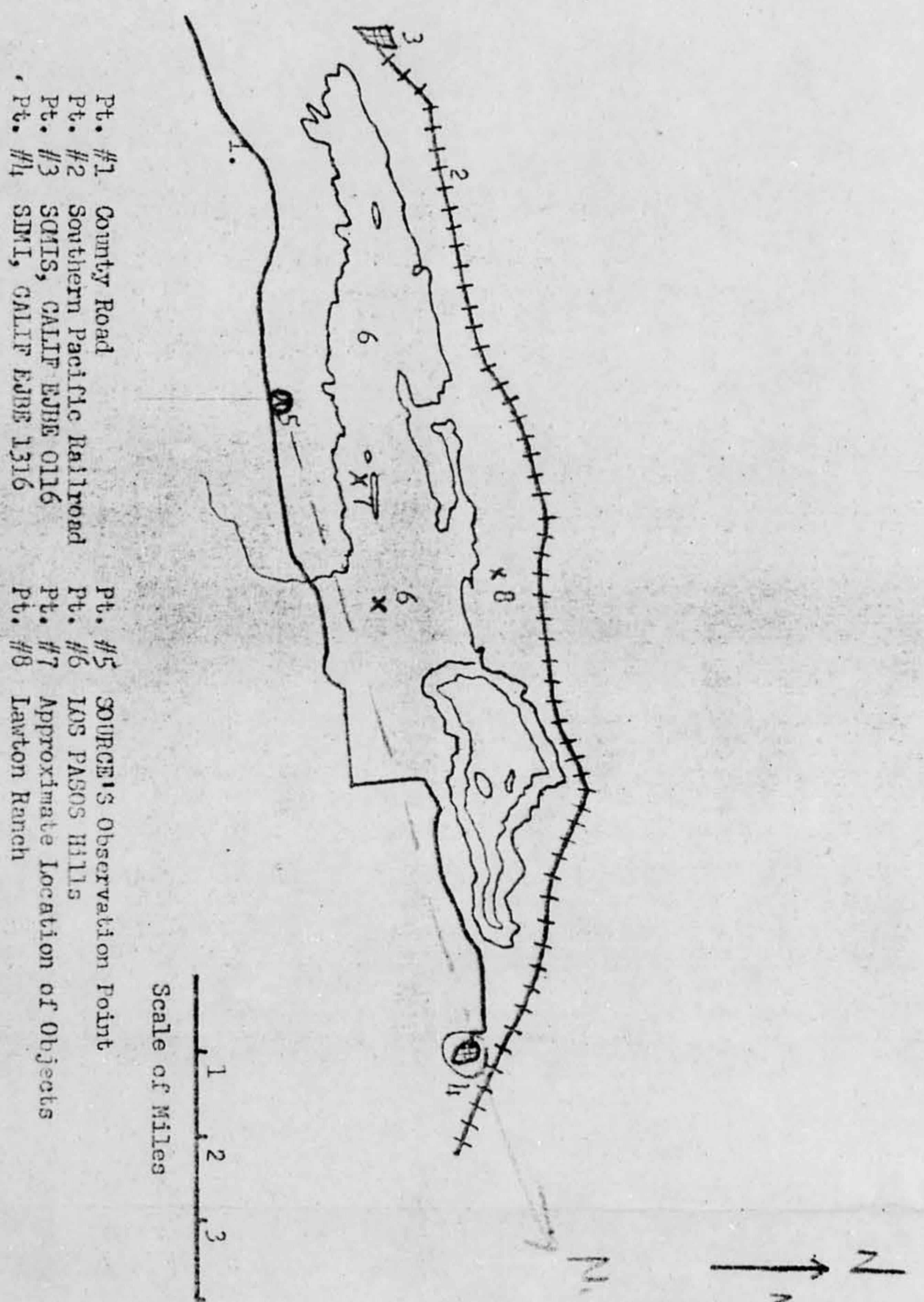
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Sketch of Area of Sighting by Investigator

Overlay of Geological Survey Map, California, Camulos Quadrangle, Scale: 1:125000



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Statement by OD

STATEMENT

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

22/23 March 1957

I received a report from Mrs. [REDACTED] (Captain [REDACTED] wife) at approximately 2320 hours 23 March 1957 that she had sighted an unidentified object in the sky due Northeast of her home on Barbara Drive in Camarillo.

I had no reason to question her veracity; however, I did joke with her for a few minutes as to what she had been drinking. She became most indignant, stating that a large green iridescent object approximately the size of a plastic cabin on a helicopter was orbiting and yoyoing Northeast of her home. She further stated that it seemed to be hovering over the North American plant at Simi.

I explained to her how temperature inversions can cause reflections and weird optical effects, and the conversation was terminated. Five minutes later, at approximately 2330 hours, I received another call from Mrs. [REDACTED]. This time she stated that two red lights had joined the green light and were zooming past it horizontally at tremendous velocities.

I then called ART and asked if they were painting anything in that particular area. Lt Martin (Director at ART) reported affirmatively that they had a stationary object in approximately the area designated by Mrs. Beaudoin. He stated that it was not a normal stationary object.

I then called Mrs. [REDACTED] and asked if she still saw the object. She stated that the green object was hovering high (she estimated 45 degrees off the horizontal due Northeast). At this time, she became very frightened, stating that the two red objects were on the deck and approaching very slowly. She asked that I call the local authorities and obtain help. *what for? any hostile action? Threat?*

I was unable to contact the Highway patrol due to some operator in the Oxnard exchange, so contacted the Ventura County Sheriff's office instead. They had a car in the area, and contacted it by radio. The Deputy in the car reported that he had also sighted the object and contacted another unit in Camarillo. This unit also reported the same object.

In the meantime, the Sheriff's office contacted the Highway Patrol, who dispatched a vehicle to the area. I arranged a conference call between Mrs. [REDACTED] the Sheriff, the Highway Patrol, and myself. All police units reported the sighting and converged on Mrs. [REDACTED] residence. The Highway Patrol reported a red object or light was sitting in a field on the Lawton Ranch and requested two more cars to help him investigate. This turned out to be a barn with red clearance lights on the roof.

The Sheriff's department, meantime, had a car at Mrs. [REDACTED]. Deputy Sheriffs Segura and Rausch (sic) confirmed Mrs. [REDACTED] report in every detail. The objects had by then multiplied to one green and five red objects. All were in motion in an arc of (sic) the horizon of about 20 degrees, and constantly changing altitude. The red objects were extremely low, and the green object extremely high. ART called and

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stated that they had a scramble underway and would ask the aircraft to check the area upon their return.

ART vectored the aircraft into the area and an attempt was made to orient them from the group of police at Mrs ██████████, on the ground. This was unsuccessful and the aircraft had to return to base due to lack of fuel. ISLAND then called and wanted a complete report, which I furnished them. They evidently had a report from the GOC. Two Navy aircraft were scrambled and ART turned control of them over to BLOODSTONE GROUND here at the alert center. These aircraft were vectored into the area, and then controlled by sight and sound by the group at Mrs ██████████, relayed over the radio at the alert center.

Although on several occasions (sic) the ground observers (sic) reported the aircraft close to the objects, no contact was made by the air crews. It developed at one time, though, that the objects accelerated vertically at tremendous velocities when the aircraft approached them. The entire operation was broken off at approximately 0300 PST with no sightings from the air. Mrs ██████████ then called ART and gave a description of the incident and objects so a formal report might be made.

The following police officers were in the area and reported the objects:

Robert H. Winter
6232 East Clara
Ventura, Calif.

Earl Watson
1950 Victoria St.
Ventura, Calif.

James F. Willson
345 Poplar
Oxnard, Calif.

Robert E. Reed
528 South Emma
Oxnard, Calif.

Don Chalif
1520 Santa Rosa
Santa Barbara

Also included were Deputy Sheriffs Segura and Rausch (sic) of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office.

LEONARD E. OTT
1ST LT USAF
Officer of the Day

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Richard A. Holm
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PART THREE

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER

1. The opinion of the Preparing Officer is that this sighting was caused by stars and probable optical phenomena for the following reasons:

a. The presence of a temperature inversion during the time of sighting could possibly have reflected the red lights of the barn over the LOS PASOS hills to the point of observation during the earlier portion of the sighting, which could explain the location of the objects below the horizon. It is probable that later on stars were confused for the original red light sightings.

b. Although SOURCE observed objects to be in movement, six (6) other people saw nothing to indicate that the objects were anything other than stars.

c. Although Lt Ott said in his statement that the 669th AC & W Squadron was carrying a stationary paint in the CAMARILLO area at the time of the sighting, Lt Martin, the duty controller on the night of 22, 23 March 57, denied carrying a plot at this time.

d. A lack of ground radar contact, plus the fact that neither airborne radar nor the crewmembers of the F-89 interceptors saw anything, would probably rule out any known object being in the area.

e. The presence of three (3) bright stars in the northeastern sky at the time of the sighting was confirmed by an astronomer.

f. The contradiction of the number of objects originally reported by the SOURCE to the Officer of the Day at OXNARD AFB and the number reported to the investigator during the interview lends credence to the fact that the SOURCE was probably upset and confused during the sighting.

Frank H. Marecki

FRANK H. MARECKI
Major USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS OF THE APPROVING OFFICER:

Concur with Reporting Officer that this sighting was caused by stars. It is felt that the radar paint, in no way, is connected to the visual sighting. Therefore, the evaluation of the Approving Officer is "Was Astronomical."

Concur

Right place at the time

JOHN W. MEADOR
Colonel, USAF
Command

Information for Mr. Edward J. Ruppelt

SAVIS-3, AFTR: Major Tacker

28 May 1959

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1. The objects sighted over Arkansas City, Kansas on the night of 10 July 1956
were reported to have been investigated by a B-47. The crew reported the objects were
waste gas torches in a nearby oil field.

2. The objects sighted over Camarillo, California, Oxnard AFB area, on the
night of 22 and early morning 23 March 1957, were thoroughly investigated. Source
pointed out the lights to several investigators from the state highway patrol, and
was informed by them that the lights were stars with their normal movement and rise
in the eastern sky. There was also a barn with four red lights on it northeast of
observers location. This sighting was attributed to the stars, the four red lights,
and light reflecting off of green insulators on a nearby telephone pole.

Report
GILLEN C. HOLLOWAY
Colonel, USAF
AMCIN-4E

Robert J. Friend Major
44-11474-4 27 May 59
Maj. J. Friend C/4
Vance C. Rothman AFCSAF
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Report on Oxnard UFO Case - 22 March 1957

AFOIN-X1

22 May 1957

AFOIN-4

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1. Reference is made to telephone discussions 20 May 1957, between your office and Capt Gregory, this Center regarding the status of subject case. A summary report of this Center's findings was given you verbally during these discussions.

2. This case, which has been given some attention by the press, is threatening to give the Air Force some adverse publicity through the indirect efforts of the National Advisory Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Attached are two letters from this committee addressed to the Commander of Oxnard AFB and the 4602d AISS, Headquarters ADC respectively, demanding all information and reports resulting from our investigations and radar search. The allegations are not supported by the facts.

3. In compliance with your instructions for providing Headquarters USAF with all case material, in anticipation of any queries from either the press or higher levels, attached are copies of pertinent data on the incident. Not included is the detailed report of the investigation, which was submitted to Headquarters USAF under AF 112, IR-1C-UFOB-1-57, dated 5 April 1957. Investigations also involved local police, state highway patrols, sheriff's office, radar units and intercept action by both USAF and Navy aircraft. As such, the investigations may be considered thorough.

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4. Also attached is a suggested reply to the director of the committee mentioned above, which may be used in whole or in part. The director, Mr. [REDACTED] needs no introduction. His known ability for placing the Air Force in an unfavorable light is well known.

5. The report of the Air Force's investigation (IR reference above) which Mr. [REDACTED] demands is unclassified, and supports our conclusions submitted to your office. However, the decision whether it should be released to this committee must come from Headquarters USAF. Accordingly, it is the opinion of this Center that any replies or statements regarding this case should be over the signature of higher levels, preferably the Office of Information Services.

6. In conclusion, it is the opinion of this Center that this case was improperly handled at its inception, and the unfortunate train of events which followed to give it this unwarranted attention, could have been avoided. The officer initially receiving the report should have contacted the nearby AISS unit, which was responsible for UFO investigations, instead of the local police and other civil authorities.

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CANADA
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- (1) A barn was located in a field under the area of the reported UFOs. Red lights were found installed on each corner of the roof.
- (2) Detailed line-of-sight plots from the source's observing point were made. Between the source's observing point and the object, was a shiny pole with three cross-bars. The objects were viewed through these cross-bars on it. The results of interplay of light on the insulators is obvious.
- (3) Directly in the line-of-sight, as pointed out by source, and beyond the lights on the barn, was a very bright star, Arcturus, in the sky. This was corroborated by a professional astronomer in a local educational institute.
- (4) The sighting was observed through a window. Again, the appearance of the red lights on the barn, with a bright-green appearing star in the background, observed through a maze of wires and insulators require no further comment.
- (5) It is interesting to note that the objects reported were observed for over two hours, with apparently very little movement. Yet, no report of any unusual phenomena was received by other than the source reporting.

This report is typical of the many received by the Air Force, which upon investigation results in the UFO observed being identified as conventional objects or known phenomena. We, of course, cannot publicly comment on an important factor in any investigation, the source, their reliability, beliefs, emotional state, personality or character.

On the basis of the above, any attempt to attribute sinister overtones or imply menaces from the sky in connection with this incident is, in our opinion, totally unwarranted and not supported by the facts. This case does serve to indicate the thoroughness with which any UFO sighting is investigated, if promptly reported, a fact not often known to the general public.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

FOUR SAUCERS (from Page 3)

Four sightings. Included was a story sent by Mrs. Robert Beaudoin, wife of an AF captain stationed at the base. Just after midnight, Mrs. Beaudoin had telephoned the base to report what she described as a "brilliant, flashing red object" in the sky over Santa Paula Valley.

After tracking the CAA radar observers, Operator 1 found that the UFO seen by Mrs. Beaudoin and other witnesses was one of the four they had tracked.

"This sighting," he concludes, "was at exactly the same time as our radar sightings — 11:50 pm to midnight."

Immediately after NICAP's receipt of this radar report, a letter signed by the Director was sent to Colonel Catey, requesting copies of the Oxnard AFB radar report and the report by the jet pilot. On May 4, NICAP received an answer from the adjutant of the 414th Fighter Group at Oxnard, which stated that "the UFO's in question" were investigated by the 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron. (This squadron, which has headquarters at the Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, has investigative teams at all Air Defense bases. The team which investigated the Oxnard sightings came from Norton AFB, California).

A NICAP letter to the 4602d, at Ent Field, brought an official answer signed by Major John D. Taylor, Jr., Adjutant.

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"Current Air Force policy," Major Taylor stated, "is that the issuance of such information as you request can be made only by Headquarters, United States Air Force. Therefore, your letter to the Commander, 414th Fighter Group was forwarded, through channels, to Headquarters, USAF. Your letter of 8 May 1957 (a direct request to the 4602d for the reports) will also be forwarded to Headquarters, USAF."

After waiting eight days for word from the Pentagon, NICAP telegraphed a new request to Maj. Gen. Joe W. Kelly, Director of Legislative Liaison, USAF, who for several years has been

the Secretary's official spokesman on JFO subjects. (Copy of telegram and detailed request shown elsewhere in this issue).

In a letter to Representative Lee Metcalf, of Montana, General Kelly had insisted that UFO reports were not withheld from the press, and that information was supplied to the press on any sighting which had drawn national attention.

Since the Oxnard AFB sighting had been covered by press-wire stories, in hundreds of newspapers, this obviously came under General Kelly's policy declaration to Congressman Metcalf. To conform to this Air Force policy, the NICAP request was made by the Director, who is also Editor of the *U.F.O. INVESTIGATOR*.

To date, NICAP has received no answer to its two letters or the telegram to General Kelly. (A public attack on NICAP was made by an unnamed Air Force spokesman, three days after the wire to General Kelly, but this may have been only a coincidence. NICAP does not believe that General Kelly was involved in the attack, which is described in full, in another part of the magazine).

Because of the obvious importance of the March 23 sightings, and the delay in receiving the 4602d Intelligence Squadron's investigation report, NICAP believes that its members should be acquainted with all the facts, including the names of several witnesses who apparently have been silenced.

For details of the Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley reports, NICAP is indebted to Russ Leedabrand, columnist of the *Pasadena Independent*, who personally investigated the incidents, and also to Lee Pitt, aviation writer of the *Los Angeles Mirror-News*. Mr. Pitt obtained additional information from a Ground Observer Corps identification expert, Les Wagner, who has served as a volunteer with the Pasadena Air Filter Center for six years.

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The first sighting on the night of March 23, or at least the first one listed, came from K. E. Jefferson, a Pasadena resident. At 9:55, Mr. Jefferson saw a brilliant, flashing object

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moving over Downey (about 5 miles southeast of Los Angeles). Between that time and midnight, similar UFO reports were made by many Californians in Los Angeles, Pasadena, and throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Police switchboards in the area were flooded with hundreds of calls, indicating that probably several thousand people saw at least one UFO, perhaps more. During the latter part of this period, both official and civilian reports poured into the Pasadena Air Filter Center.

According to a statement given to Russ Leedabrand by the Filter Center C.O., Capt. Joseph Fry, the first official report came in at 11:40 pm, at which time Captain Fry notified Air Defense radar.

"Between 11:30 (11:18 pm) and 11:50," said Capt. Fry, "we had many reports. We had reports that indicated the UFO was orange-red, flashing a bright white light. Some of the callers claimed they heard the sound of reports' which they could describe like the crackle of a radio."

But many witnesses, including the Filter Center personnel, claimed to have seen a bright red light. One of the members of the滤网中心, Dewey Crow, with his permission, attached to the Center, "Until he saw the object, he was really skeptical about UFO's."

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Lt. Col Green,

I received a call from Capt. Gregory UFO project Officer at ATIC on May 20, 1957 re report of a UFO sighting at Oxnard, Calif on 23 March at 11 P.M. Capt. Gregory phoned this report in because it has stirred up considerable interest.

Briefly here are the details:

1. A wife of an Air Force Officer a Mrs. ██████████ sighted an UFO near Oxnard Calif and called the duty officer at Oxnard AFB.
2. The duty officer called the Air Police, Highway Patrol and local Sheriff all of whom converged on Mrs. ██████████'s home which naturally attracted the newspapers and curiosity seekers.
3. A preliminary investigation by the AISS of Norton AFB discovered these facts:
 - a. Mrs. ██████████'s husband was on TDY and she was alone with a sick child.
 - b. Her house is located in an isolated area and in one of the heaviest traveled air traffic areas in the U.S.
 - c. Upon investigation it was found that by looking in the direction that the object was supposed to have been visible a combination of objects were seen to conform with the description given by Mrs. ██████████. They were a huge barn with two red lights, a small telegraph pole with 3 cross bars, a very bright star (arcturus), in addition, several aircraft passed the area with standard red and green lights. It was determined that perhaps Mrs. ██████████, being in an emotional state thought she had observed an UFO.
4. Capt. Gregory pointed out that the duty officer at Oxnard AFB did not follow the correct procedures for handling this UFO sighting, if he had it would have been cleared up without any publicity. The fact that he contacted the Air Police, Highway Patrol and Sheriff instead of the AISS unit at Norton AFB was against regulation. This is being investigated and a report will be made later as well as a further report on this sighting. It also might be noted that Keyhoe has written several letters to ATIC about this.

COVER SHEET

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4E4/Capt G.T. Gregory/wm/69216

1. Attached for your information and whatever action deemed necessary, is a pre-release of the first report by the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), the outstanding critic and detractor of the Air Force regarding UFOs. Reference is made to a recent briefing given to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, in which the serious nature of NICAP as a cleverly organized instrument of rabble rousing and agitation, was presented in some detail.

2. Attention is invited to first page of the report. The charges leveled against the Air Force regarding the Oxnard incident are deliberately false. The results of the Air Force's investigations and findings were given to [redacted], as result of his persistent queries to General Kelly and the Commander, of Oxnard AFB, and the 1C06th AISS. See attached copies.

3. With respect to a radar report allegedly given by a CAA control tower operator to NICAP, is refuted by the radar unit at Oxnard. However, if true, the seriousness of the matter is obvious: the propriety of a member of a government agency voluntarily submitting radar reports to an unofficial, biased organization. Possibly, this should be reported to the proper authorities.

e. Oxnard, California Case (23 Mar 1957):

This case was somehow brought to the attention of numerous UFO clubs who besieged the Air Force demanding explanations. Kayhoe sent a 6-page telegram to ATIC.

Briefly, a woman living in a rather isolated area outside of Oxnard observed what she termed as "menacing red and green lights" near her home. Hysterical with fear she contacted the Duty Officer at the Oxnard AFB. The Duty Officer contacted the local fighter squadron. Two F-89s searched the area. Two Navy aircraft made a search. Nothing was found. During this period, the local police, state highway patrol and the sheriff's office was contacted. All units converged on the area. A detailed intelligence report made as result of the investigations disclosed that the source was a highly excitable, emotional person, a believer in saucers, and apparently left alone for the first time by her husband, an Air Force Captain, she became frightened at the lights.

An analysis disclosed that the objects were red warning lights installed on a barn nearby, which, when observed through shiny glass insulators, of a telephone pole (in her line-of-sight) from her kitchen window did give the unusual appearance described. The play of automobile headlights on the insulators was emphasized in a telephone report to ATIC. Misidentification of conventional objects.

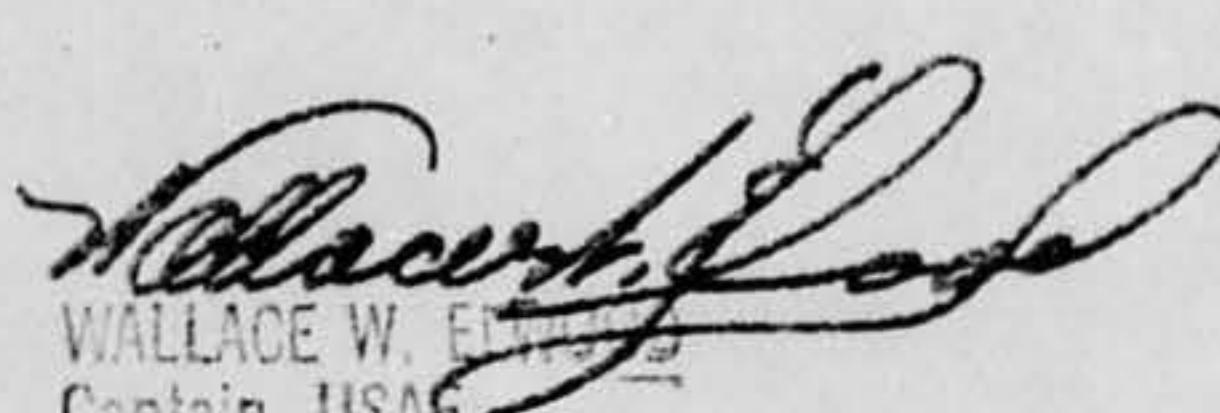
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4. Attention is also invited to NICAP's own UFO questionnaire, which is patterned after the one now in use by the Air Force. Reference page 23. The concluding questions indicate an element of "slant" or "leading" questions.

5. In the opinion of this Center the document merits close study and consideration, if for no other purpose than that of being forewarned and for taking appropriate steps with regard to any issue that may arise as result of subject charges.

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(Suggested Reply to Correspondence from National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena dated 25 April and 10 May 1957)

22 May 1957
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National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena
1536 Connecticut, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

Your letters of 25 April 1957 addressed to the Commander of Oxnard Air Force Base, and 8 May 1957 to the 4602d AISS, Air Defense Command, regarding a UFO recently reported near Oxnard, California has been referred to this Headquarters.

It is the policy of the Air Force to answer all letters on the subject, regardless of the intent, motives or objectives of the writer. We shall attempt to answer your questions and answers categorically, beginning with your letter of 25 April:

- a. Radar units were operative during the entire period of the sighting. Any indications of unusual or unknown objects would have been immediately reported. Radar reports for the period in question indicated no unusual unknown phenomena.
- b. Notwithstanding this, intercept action was ordered in the area in question. The two Air Force and two Navy aircraft found nothing, by radar or visually.
- c. There are no classified reports regarding the pilot's findings.

With respect to your letter of 8 May 1957 please be advised of the following:

- a. We are certain that, with your journalistic and military experience and background, you are aware that the names of sources, witnesses and principals cannot be disclosed, nor can their statements be revealed without their permission.
- b. Investigations were made not only by the Air Force, but by local police, highway patrol, and sheriff's units. These independently converged on the area reported, and also investigated the source's immediate grounds.
- c. Nothing unusual or sinister was found by these units. The following were disclosed, however:

Initial check and

- (1) A barn was located in a field under the area of the reported UFOs. Red lights were found installed on each corner of the roof.
- (2) Detailed line-of-sight plots from the source's observing point were made. Between the source's observing point and the object, was a shiny pole with three cross-bars. The objects were viewed through these cross-bars on it. The results of interplay of light on the insulators is obvious.
- (3) Directly in the line-of-sight, as pointed out by source, and beyond the lights on the barn, was a very bright star, Arcturus, in the sky. This was corroborated by a professional astronomer in a local educational institute.
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- (5) It is interesting to note that the objects reported were observed for over two hours, with apparently very little movement. Yet, no report of any unusual phenomena was received by other than the source reporting.

This report is typical of the many received by the Air Force, which upon investigation results in the UFO observed being identified as conventional objects or known phenomena. We, of course, cannot publicly comment on an important factor in any investigation, the source, their reliability, beliefs, emotional state, personality or character.

On the basis of the above, any attempt to attribute sinister overtones or imply menaces from the sky in connection with this incident is, in our opinion, totally unwarranted and not supported by the facts. This case does serve to indicate the thoroughness with which any UFO sighting is investigated, if promptly reported, a fact not often known to the general public.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

U.F.O. Investigator

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8 Point Plan Offered Air Force

In an unprecedented step the National Investigations Committee has just offered Air Force Secretary James H. Douglas an eight-point plan of cooperation to end the controversy over flying saucers.

NICAP made it clear that this would not be a secret arrangement with the Air Force, but a plan designed to assist the public understanding of the UFO problem. Acceptance by the Air Force would mean providing the Committee with all UFO sighting reports now labeled as "solved" for evaluation by the Board and the Special Advisers, with NICAP's conclusions submitted to the Air Force and the public.

"Through our distinguished Board of Governors and Panel of Special Advisers, our growing membership in 46 states, and by virtue of our factual evaluation policy, the Committee has won the respect and support of many serious and reputable Americans," NICAP Director Keyhoe wrote the Secretary.

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ARMY RESCINDS CENSORSHIP ORDER AFTER NICAP PROTEST

An official Army censorship order which placed a tight clamp on UFO reports at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, was rescinded on May 10 after protest by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

Fort Monmouth Headquarters explained that the secrecy provision had been included by mistake in interpreting directions from higher authority. It acknowledged that NICAP's action had caused the censorship section to be dropped from the revised order.

Signed by Col. Charles L. Olin, Chief of Staff, the original Ft. Monmouth order carried the following provision:

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Base sightings. Included was a statement by Mrs. Robert Beaudoin, wife of an AF captain stationed at the base. Just after midnight, Mrs. Beaudoin had telephoned the base to report what she described as a "brilliant, flashing red object" in the sky over Santa Rosa Valley.

Re-checking the CAA radar observations, Operator 1 found that the UFO seen by Mrs. Beaudoin and other witnesses was one of the four they had tracked.

"This "sighting," he concludes, "was at exactly the same time as our radar sightings — 11:50 pm to midnight."

Immediately after NICAP's receipt of this radar report, a letter signed by the Director was sent to Colonel Clegg, requesting copies of the Oxnard AFB radar report and the report by the jet pilot. On May 4, NICAP received an answer from the adjutant of the 414th Fighter Group at Oxnard, which stated that "the UFO's in question" were investigated by the 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron (this squadron, which has headquarters at the Air Defense Command, Fort Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, has investigative teams at all Air Defense bases. The team which investigated the Oxnard sightings came from Norton AFB, California).

A NICAP letter to the 4602d, at Ent Field, brought an official answer signed by Major John D. Taylor, Jr., Adjutant.

4602d Denies Release

"Current Air Force policy," Major Taylor stated, "is that the issuance of such information as you request can be made only by Headquarters, United States Air Force. Therefore, your letter to the Commander, 414th Fighter Group was forwarded, through channels, to Headquarters, USAF. Your letter of 8 May 1957 (a direct request to the 4602d for the reports) will also be forwarded to Headquarters, USAF."

After waiting eight days for word from the Pentagon, NICAP telegraphed a new request to Maj. Gen. Joe W. Kelly, Director of Legislative Liaison, USAF, who for several years has been

the Secretary's official spokesman on UFO subjects (Copy of telegram and detailed request shown elsewhere in this issue).

In a letter to Representative Lee Metcalf, of Montana, General Kelly had insisted that UFO reports were not withheld from the press, and that information was supplied to the press on any sighting which had drawn national attention.

Since the Oxnard AFB sighting had been covered by press-wire stories, in hundreds of newspapers, this obviously came under General Kelly's policy declaration to Congressman Metcalf. To conform to this Air Force policy, the NICAP request was made by the Director, who is also Editor of the *U.F.O. INVESTIGATOR*.

To date, NICAP has received no answer to its two letters or the telegram to General Kelly. (A public attack on NICAP was made by an unnamed Air Force spokesman, three days after the visit to General Kelly, but this may have been only a coincidence. NICAP does not believe that General Kelly was involved in the attack, which is described in full, in section 9 of the magazine.)

Because of the obvious importance of the March 23 sightings, and the delay in receiving the 4602d Intelligence Squadron's investigation report, NICAP believes that its members should be acquainted with all the facts, including the names of several witnesses who apparently have been silenced.

For details of the Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley reports, NICAP is indebted to Russ Lederman, columnist of the *Pasadena Independent*, who personally investigated the incidents, and also to Lee Pitt, aviation writer of the *Los Angeles Mirror-News*. Mr. Pitt obtained additional information from a Ground Observer Corps identification expert, Les Wagner, who has served as a volunteer with the Pasadena Air Filter Center for six years.

The first sighting on the night of March 23, or at least the first one listed, came from K. E. Jefferson, a Pasadena resident. At 9:55, Mr. Jefferson saw a brilliant, flashing object

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moving over Downey (about 5 miles southeast of Los Angeles). Between that time and midnight, similar UFO reports were made by many Californians in Los Angeles, Pasadena, and throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Police switchboards in the area were flooded with hundreds of calls, indicating that probably several thousand people saw at least one UFO, perhaps more. During the latter part of this period, both official and civilian reports poured into the Pasadena Air Filter Center.

According to a statement given to Russ Leadabrand by the Filter Center C.O., Capt. Joseph Fry, the first official report came in at 11:10 p.m., at which time Captain Fry notified Air Defense radar.

"Between 2310 (11:10 p.m.) and 2350," said Capt. Fry, "we had many reports. We had reports that indicated the UFO was compact, flesh-
ing a bright white light. Some of the soldiers claimed they heard the 'hiss and
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the object."

But KNSB, conservative, including the Pitts Center, is saying, discounted the object as showing a bright red light. One of the men was Air Force T/Sgt. Dewey Crow, who is permanently attached to the Center. Until he saw the object, he was openly skeptical about UFO's.

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While hundreds of people along Pasadena's Colorado Street were staring up at the floating UFO, T. A. S. G. Crow and Wagner also watched it move about the area. Their combined observations covered a period of more than an hour. The two men admittedly were baffled.

Near midnight, the tempo of UFO reports increased. It was just after twelve when Mrs. Robert Beaudoin, wife of an Oxnard AFB captain, telephoned the base tower from her home in Camarillo Heights. Mrs. Beaudoin, who is familiar with aircraft types,

positively described the UFO as a large, silent object, flashing a brilliant red light and maneuvering in the sky over Santa Rosa Valley.

F-35 Fails to Connect UFC

In rapid succession, ~~other telephone~~ calls — some from airmen attached to the base — confirmed Mrs. Beaudoin's report. Since the base already had an F-89 jet in the air, the tower radiced the pilot to intercept the UFO, if possible (The F-89 carries, besides the pilot, a radar operator specially trained for this type of interception).

According to the later report given to the press by Col. E. F. Carey, Jr., base commander, the F-89 crew was unable to make any contact, visual or radar. This attempted contact was timed at between midnight and 12:30. But at approximately the same time (12:22 a.m.) several eye witnesses on the ground reported sighting a strange glowing red object hovering near one of the Oscar base runways.

Three of the witnesses were Yankton County deputy sheriffs from the Casper radio station: Dick McKinney, John Hickey, and Robert Conshaw. They were unable to follow the "flying saucer" as it only crossed the Geringer River near the field, but also watched it maneuver swiftly about the valley until 1:37 a.m., when it quickly disappeared on a northward course.

Meanwhile, two policemen from Port Huonese also had sighted the structure and made a report, which was relayed to the Oymyakon tower.

(At an unspecified time, a Navy interceptor also joined in the search for the UFO, according to the United Press. NICAP is attempting to identify the station from which the plane ~~were sent~~.)

From the times and details given, it is not certain that all visual reports concerned the same UFO. It appears possible that witnesses may have seen two or more of the four UFO's tracked by the CAA control tower operators. If two or more objects were seen separately this could account for the varied reports of hovering, accelerations, and swift maneuvers. However, all these visual reports may possibly concern a single object which maneuvered at varying speeds near Oxnard AFB and the surrounding area.

Balloon Ruled Pen

When the UFO was first sighted by T/Sgt. Dewey Crow and Les Wagner, in Pasadena, its slow movement caused Wagner to check on the possibility of a balloon with a new type of light (the combined visual and radar reports, covering tremendous speeds and maneuvers, now appear to rule out any such answer completely).

Following a Weather Bureau suggestion, Wagner checked with the Atomic Energy Commission's test site in Nevada. The AEC stated the last balloon launching at the site had been on March 21, and the balloon had been accounted for. In addition, a spokesman pointed out, their balloons do not carry lights of any kind.

A second check, with Edwards Air Force Base, ruled out the weather balloon answer. No weather balloons carry red lights, Wagner was told. Also, the balloons launched in the preceding 48 hours had been tracked to about 100,000 feet, where they automatically were destroyed.

Finally, the CAA also denied any connection with red-lighted balloon convictions.

Though the UFO reports bore no resemblance to any known type of aircraft, even those still in the test stage, all aircraft operations in the area — military, civil and special testing — were quickly screened by the Air Filter Center, and this answer was ruled out.

Following Air Force Regulation 200-2, on the reporting of UFO's, the Pennsylvania Flites Center after the first verified UFO report, immediately notified Air Defense Command HQ at Colorado Springs, the Air Technical Intelligence Center, the Directorate of Intelligence at the Pentagon and the nearest Air Defense base — Norton AFB, in San Bernardino. A team of Intelligence Investigators from the 4802d Squadron unit at Norton was at once sent to Oxnard AFB.

Though this is standard procedure, and is well known to the HQ staff at all Air Force bases; no mention of the 4502d was made when Russ Leada-
kundi called the base at Norton. Major Thomas Bowers, Information Services Officer of the 27th Air Divi-

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ton, admitted they had received a number of civilian reports on the UFO.

"They came from Los Angeles, Pasadena, and eventually the Oxnard area," he told Leedbrand.

"Were you able to identify the object?" the columnist asked Major Bowers.

"Negative," Bowers answered. "We were not able to pick up the object on radar. No Air Force personnel saw the object. (This contradicts the report by T/Sgt. Dewey Crow)."

He added that a full report of the sighting was being sent to ATIC. "I believe the Technical Intelligence people are working out of Wright-Patterson," he added.

Major Bowers' failure to mention the swift on-the-spot investigation by a 4602d team from his own base may have no real significance, since the Oxnard AFB adjutant did not hesitate to inform NICAP of this fact.

But except for this official communication to NICAP and the subsequent confirmation sent to NICAP by the 4602d Headquarters adjutant, no official information has been released since the incident occurred.

Instead, several of the witnesses named have either refused to answer queries or their superiors have kept them from answering.

On April 25, NICAP wrote to Mrs. Beaudoin and asked for detailed information on the sighting. To date, there has been no reply.

AF Silences Sheriff's Men

On the same date, NICAP also wrote to the Sheriff of Ventura County, California, and requested that the three deputies named: McKendry, Murphy and Corshaw, be permitted to forward all possible details and also their personal opinions on their sighting. On May 15, NICAP received a reply from Sheriff William J. Suytar, stating that all the information they had on this sighting was turned over to the officials at Oxnard Air Force Base. It was evident that he had been ordered to neither furnish the reports NICAP had requested, nor permit his men to be interviewed by a NICAP representative in Ventura.

"He would be most happy," Sheriff

, "to cooperate in Suytar told NICAP, "but he is not available for having these officially authorized interview by any military officer."

Once the Air Force gave him such an order, neither an admiral in the Navy, an Army general, nor even a high-ranking Air Force officer could interview the deputies without approval by AF Intelligence.

From the foregoing evidence, it appears that highly important facts about the March 23 California sightings are being withheld from the public.

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Sincerely yours,

DIRECTOR OF NICAP

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Major USMC (Ret.)

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10 May 1957

Director
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Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of 8 May 1957.

Current Air Force policy is that the issuance of such information as you request can be made only by Headquarters, United States Air Force. Therefore, your letter to the Commander, 414th Fighter Group was forwarded, through channels, to Headquarters, USAF.

Your letter of 8 May 1957 will also be forwarded to Headquarters, USAF.

Minimally,

JOHN D. TAYLOR, JR.
Major, USAF
Adjutant

Ltr. From [REDACTED] (NCA)
in this case

3.4 Oxnard, California Case (23 Mar 1957)

This case, while not reported officially was somehow brought to the attention of UFO clubs who accordingly demanded explanations of the Air Force. Major Keyhoe sent a memo to the AFHQ in AFIC.

A woman in a rural, sparsely populated area outside of Oxnard observed what she termed as "uncontrollable green lights" near her home. Hysterical with fear she contacted the Duty Officer at the Oxnard AFB. The Duty Officer contacted the local fire department which was then scrambled and searched the area. No lights were visible and no persons. Nothing was found. During this period the local police, sheriff's department and the sheriff's office were contacted. All units checked the area. A detailed intelligence report made

part of the investigation stated that the woman was a highly excitable, hysterical person, a believer in ghosts, and apparently left alone for the first time in her life. She was reported to have been frightened at the lights.

An analysis of the lights was made by the AFIC. The lights were seen on a barn nearby, which she observed through shiny glass insulators of a telephone pole in her 11-year-old home. The kitchen window did give the unusual appearance of being "green". The AFIC report stated that the insulators were combinations of glass and porcelain and mis-identification of conventional lights.

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MAJOR DONALD E. REYNOLDS
USMC (Ret.) DIRECTOR

Commander 4602 Air Intelligence Service Squadron
44th Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Sir:

We have received a letter from the 414th Fighter Group, Oxnard Air Force Base, stating that our letter of April 25th had been forwarded to your office for action, since your Squadron investigated the UFO's involved.

In our letter to Commanding Officer at Oxnard Air Force Base we asked for copies of the pilot's report and the radar operator's report on the unidentified flying object sighted over the air base early on March 23rd. In addition, I should like to request at this time a copy of the investigation by the 4602 Air Intelligence Service Squadron, if this report is complete.

If the report is not completed, will you please advise me when it will be available? We should like to have a copy of the interrogation of the various witnesses involved and any other information connected with this case.

As stated in our letter of April 25th, to the C.O. at Oxnard AFB, we have documentary evidence of radio confirmation of the visual sighting reports.

I am making this request as a member of the press. I am editor of the NICAP magazine, published monthly at Washington, D. C., for the membership of this non-profit organization. In order that we may know when to schedule our story on this incident, will you please wire me collect at the above address, giving the date when you expect to mail this information?

The National Investigations Committee was organized to collect, evaluate and publish authentic evidence on UFO's and we shall greatly appreciate the cooperation of the Air Defense Command and your Intelligence Squadron in particular in informing the public regarding these sightings. In return we shall be glad to cooperate in every way possible. Our policy, which was once the policy of the Air Force, is to make public all the information we secure except the names of witnesses who request that they not be identified.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

DEK:RHC

 Major USMC (Ret.) Director of NICAP

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Your letters of 25 April 1957 addressed to the Commander of Oxnard Air Force Base, and 8 May 1957 to the 4602nd ALCC, Air Defense Command, regarding a UFO recently reported near Oxnard, California has been referred to this Headquarters.

It is the policy of the Air Force to answer all letters on the subject, regardless of the intent, motives or objectives of the writer. We shall attempt to answer your questions and answers categorically, beginning with your letter of 25 April.

a. Radar units were operative during the entire period of the sighting. Any indications of unusual or unknown objects would have been immediately reported. Radar reports for the period in question indicated no unusual unknown phenomena.

b. Two Air Force F-89's which were in the air at that time, were ordered to make a search-intercept over the area. Two Navy aircraft also made a search. Nothing was found, radar or visually.

c. There are no classified reports regarding the pilot's findings, with respect to your letter of 8 May 1957 please be advised of the following:

As you point out in your letter, the names of sources, witnesses and principals cannot be disclosed, nor can their statements be revealed without their permission.

b. Investigations were made not only by the Air Force, but by local police, highway patrol, and sheriff's units. These independently converged on the area reported, and also investigated the source's immediate surroundings.

c. Nothing unusual was found by these units. The following were disclosed, however:

(1) A barn was located in a field under the area of the reported UFOs. Red clearance lights were found installed on each corner of the roof.

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- (2) Detailed line-of-sight plots from the source's observing point and the "unusual" green object, was a "shiny" telegraph pole with three cross bars. The green object, and two of the red lights on the barn, were viewed through the cross-bars. It is possible that there may have been some interplay of light on the cross-bar insulators from random sources, such as auto headlights.
- (3) Directly in the line-of-sight, as pointed out by source, and beyond the lights on the barn, was a very bright star, Arcturus, in the sky. This was corroborated by a professional astronomer in a local educational institute.
- (4) The sighting was observed through a window. The appearance of the red lights on the barn, with a bright-green star in the background, as observed through telegraph wires and insulators could conceivably produce unusual light effects.
- (5) It is interesting to note that the objects reported were observed for over two hours, with apparently very little movement. Yet, no report of any unusual phenomenon was received from other than the source reporting the UFO.

This report is typical of the many received by the Air Force, which upon investigation results in the UFO observed being identified as a conventional object or a known phenomenon. We, of course, cannot comment on an important factor in any investigation: the sources, their reliability, beliefs, emotional state, personality or character.

On the basis of the above, we attempt to attribute anything unusual in connection with this incident in, in our opinion, totally unwarranted and not supported by the facts. This case does serve to indicate the thoroughness with which any UFO sighting is investigated, if promptly reported, a fact not often known to the general public.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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AFOIN-4X3	
AFOIN-4X4	
AFOIN-4A	
AFOIN-4B	
	22 May 1957
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AFOIN-4D	1. Reference is made to telephone discussions 20 May 1957, between your office and Capt. Gregory, this Center regarding the status of subject case. A summary report of this Center's findings was given you verbally during these discussions.
AFOIN-4E	2. This case, which has been given much attention by the press, is threatening to give the Air Force some adverse publicity through the indirect efforts of the National Advisory Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Attached are two letters from this committee addressed to the Commander of Command AFM and the AFHQ AFM, Headquarters AFM respectively, demanding all information and reports resulting from our investigation and radar search. The allegations are not supported by the facts.
AFOIN-4F	3. In compliance with your instructions for providing Headquarters USAF with all case material, in anticipation of any queries from either the press or higher authority, attached are copies of pertinent data on the incident. Not included is the detailed report of the investigation, which was submitted to Headquarters USAF AFHQ-AFM 112, AF-1C-4F02-1-57, dated 5 April 1957. Investigations also involved local police, state highway patrols, sheriff's office, radar units and intercept action by both USAF and Navy aircraft. As such, the investigations may be considered closed.
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AFIN-4 22 May 57, AFOIN-X1, Subj: Report on Oxford UFO Case 22 March 1957

Enclosed is a suggested reply to the director of the committee above, which may be used in whole or in part. The director, Mr. Donald C. Keyhoe, needs no introduction. His known ability for placing the Air Force in favorable light is well known.

The report of the Air Force's investigation (IR reference above) which you demands is unclassified, and supports our conclusions submitted to AFOIN-X2. However, the decision whether it should be released to this committee must come from Headquarters USAF. Accordingly, it is the opinion of this Center that any replies or statements regarding this case should be over the AFOIN-X3 of higher levels, preferably the Office of Information Services.

AFIN-4A. In conclusion, it is the opinion of this Center that this case was improperly handled at its inception, and the unfortunate train of events which led to give it this unwanted attention, could have been avoided. The officer initially receiving the report should have contacted the nearby AIBS which was responsible for UFO investigations, instead of the local police and other civil authorities.

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if the Oxford Case (cont. #7) was still
in Keyhoe

QTC

In query to Maj. Cymer re our
case date and findings to be
given to K. (par. 5, above), he
stated they had gotten together
with O15 and the 6th
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Enclosure 2b to letter by NICAP Regarding Air Force Findings on Oxnard and Other Cases

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1. Attached for your information and whatever action deemed necessary, is a copy of the first report by the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), the outstanding critic and detractor of the Air Force regarding UFOs. Reference is made to a recent briefing given to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, in which the serious nature of NICAP as a cleverly organized instrument of public robbing and agitation, was presented in some detail.

2. Attention is invited to first page of the report. The charges leveled against the Air Force regarding the Oxnard incident are deliberately false. The results of the Air Force's investigations and findings were given to Keyhoe, as per his persistent queries to General Kelly and the Commander, of Oxnard AFM, and the AFM. See attached copies.

3. With respect to a radar report allegedly given by a CAA control tower operator to NICAP, is handled by the radar unit at Oxnard. However, if true, the seriousness of the matter is obvious; the propensity of a member of a government agency ~~WILFULLY~~ submitting radar reports to an unofficial, biased organization. Possibly, this should be reported to the proper authorities.

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This document is to be classified by NICAP as "Findings on 100% of AFICAP's findings."

It is also invited to NICAP's own URO questionnaire, which is not one now in use by the Air Force. Reference page 2. The questions indicate an element of "slant" or "leading" questioning.

In the opinion of this Center the document merits closest study and consideration for other purposes than that of being forewarned and for taking steps with regard to any issue that may arise as result of subject.

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positively described the UFO as a large, silent object, blocking a brilliant red light and maneuvering in the sky over Santa Rosa Valley.

F-89 Fails to Contact UFO

In rapid succession, other telephone calls — some from airmen attached to the base — confirmed Mrs. Bocchicino's report. Since the base already had an F-89 jet in the air, the tower advised the pilot to intercept the UFO, if possible. (The F-89 carries, besides the pilot, an radar operator specially trained for this type of interception).

According to the later report given to the press by Col. E. F. Carey, Jr., base commander, the F-89 crew was unable to make any contact, visual or radar. This attempted contact was made at between midnight and 12:30. But at approximately the same time (12:27 a.m.) several eye witnesses to the claimed reported sighting a strange-looking red object hovering over one of the Guard posts nearby.

Three of the witnesses were identified as Captain John D. Bowers, Adjutant

of the 4502d Headquarters, Lt. Col. John D. Bowers, Adjutant of the 4502d Headquarters, and Lt. Col. John D. Bowers, Adjutant of the 4502d Headquarters. All three are members of the AFIC, and are considered reliable witnesses.

Meanwhile, two policemen from Oxnard also witnessed the object and made a report which was referred to the Oxnard tower.

At an unspecified time, a Party Investigator also joined in the search for the UFO. No name is available. NICAP is attempting to identify the second man, since the photo is not available.

From the available witness report, it is not certain if the men who contacted the Army UFO at the time possible that witnesses may have been informed of the fact UFO was shot down by the USAF control tower, because it was or more objects were seen separately this would indicate the various reports of buy-bang occurrences, and such maneuvers. However, all these visual reports may actually describe a single object which maneuvered at varying speeds near the AFB and the surrounding area.

Bellona (Continued from Page 2)

When the UFO was first sighted by T/Sgt. Dewey Crow and Lt. Col. Wagner, in Pasadena, its slow movement caused Wagner to check on the possibility of a balloon with a new type of light (the combined visual and radar reports, covering tremendous speeds and maneuvers, now appear to rule out any such answer completely).

Following a Weather Bureau suggestion, Wagner checked with the Atomic Energy Commission's test site in Nevada. The AEC stated the last balloon launching at the site had been on March 21, and the balloon had been accounted for. In addition, a spokesman pointed out, their balloons do not carry lights of any kind.

A second check, with Edwards Air Force Base, ruled out the weather balloon theory. No weather balloons carry red lights. Wagner was told. Also, the balloons returned in the preceding 48 hours had been tracked to about 10,000 feet, where no balloon could be expected to do.

On April 23, NICAP wrote to the 4502d Headquarters, Oxnard, asking for information on the UFO.

On April 24, NICAP received a reply from Lt. Col. John D. Bowers, Adjutant of the 4502d Headquarters, Oxnard, California.

On April 25, NICAP wrote to the Sheriff of Ventura County, California, and asked for information on the sighting. To date, there has been no reply.

AF Silences Sheriff's Men

On the same date, NICAP also wrote to the Sheriff of Ventura County, California, and requested that the three deputies named: McKendry, Murphy and Corshaw, be permitted to forward all possible details and also their personal opinions on their sighting. On May 15, NICAP received a reply from Sheriff William J. Suytar, stating that all the information they had on this sighting was turned over to the officials at Oxnard Air Force Base. It was evident that he had been ordered to neither furnish the reports NICAP had requested, nor permit his men to be interviewed by a NICAP representative in Ventura.

"We would be most happy," Sheriff

McKendry wrote, "if you would like to see the men involved in this case, I would be happy to show you the men involved in this case."

Following Al. F. Carey's letter of May 15, on the reporting of UFOs, the Pasadena Police Department gave the first verified AFIC report. The report was filed at the 4502d Headquarters, Edwards Air Force Base, California, by Lt. Col. John D. Bowers, Adjutant. A team of intelligence investigators, from the 4502d Headquarters, Edwards Air Force Base, was sent to the 4502d Headquarters, Edwards Air Force Base, California, to interview the men involved in this case.

Though this is standard procedure, and is well known to the AFIC, the AFIC Air Force bases, including Oxnard, have been asked to do so. Lt. Col. John D. Bowers, Adjutant, Edwards Air Force Base, California, informed NICAP that the base of Hapton, Major Thomas Bowers, Information Services, Office of the 21st Air Division,

had refused to furnish the reports NICAP had requested, nor permit his men to be interviewed by a NICAP representative in Ventura.

"We would be most happy," Sheriff

9 1. THE SIGHTING AT OXNARD AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA,
ON MARCH 23. THE OXNARD ADJUTANT HAS INFORMED US THAT YOUR
4602 AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON INVESTIGATED THE
UFO'S, AND THE 4602D HAS REFERRED OUR REQUEST FOR THE REPORT
TO AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1115 PST</u> GMT <u>23/0718Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>5 hours 45 minutes</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1 - 1st 6 - 3rd</u> <u>3 - 2nd</u>	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object. Round $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet in diameter, color green, object seemed to throb and pulsate & change shape occasionally. No sound, object sharply defined alternately, and did not have a tail. A shiny aluminum pole like pole appeared at times atop object. Later two small red objects appeared and still later five red objects appeared.	11. COMMENTS See case file. Objects were stars and lights on barn.	

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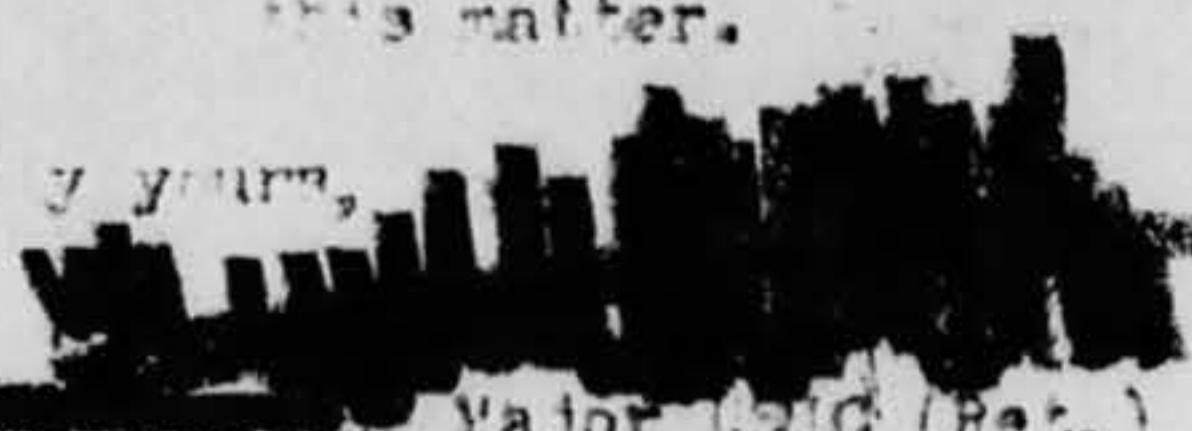
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A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your use.
Your Committee will greatly appreciate your help
in this matter.

Very truly yours,



John J. Quinn, Major USAF (Ret.)

INSPECTOR OF NICAP

Regarding the Oxnard case, again I raise my perennial question --- didn't any of the many people concerned have binoculars or a camera? This always seems to be the case!

The astronomer you consulted apparently did not have a good star chart because while it is so that Arcturus was in the eastern sky, Castor and Pollux were certainly nowhere around but far in the western skies! It would be my opinion that the primary contender in this case was the star Vega, which at that time was low, very low, on the northeastern horizon and rose to a fair height by 3:30 a.m. Still it is always difficult for me to understand how so obvious an object like a bright star can possibly cause so much confusion on the part of several people. If it were only one observer, then anything can happen, but I am always amazed that people are so easily confused, in this case seven police officers!

The trajectories or trails of the objects sighted certainly matched the diurnal paths of the star Vega and other stars in its vicinity. This makes it all the harder to understand how some of the observers could ascribe fast motion and "speeding up" to this sighting. Your point is well taken, if these things move rapidly and speeded up, why were they in sight so long!

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OTT, O.D., OXNARD REPORTS WOMAN HYSTERICAL WITH FEAR. RELIABILITY
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OTHERS ALL MEMBERS OF STATE

POLICE OR COUNTYSHERRIFFS OFFICE. RELIABILITY SHOULD BE SOUND.

MRS. [REDACTED] DRIVE, CANARILLO, CALIF.

[REDACTED], [REDACTED] EAST CLARA, VENTURA HIGHWAY.

[REDACTED] STREET, OXNARD, CALIF. [REDACTED]

A-CLEAR BUT NO MOON. B-SURFACE, W/5KTS,

REPEAT ABOVE LINE

[REDACTED] STREET, OXNARD, CALIF. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CALIF, [REDACTED] SANTA ROSA, SAN SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. 7.

A-CLEAR BUT NO MOON. B-SURFACE, W/5KTS, 6,000 FT, 350/1 KTS,

1,000 FT, 315/35KTS, 1d, 000 FT, 335/5 KTS, UPNPPPFT, INTXYKTS,

1,000 FT, 312/1 KTS, 1d, WUTXYKTS, 1d, PPPFT, UNK, 0, NO

Why? object
display an
threat

hostile?
actions?

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UCLAS "690PS 493-Y PD UFGB PD 1. A.SPECIAL TO OVAL. B.PIN AND PEA.

C.ONE LARGE GREEN AND FOUR SMLL RD. D.FIVE. E.VARRYING. F.N/A.

G.NONE. H.NONE. I.RED OBJECTS SEEMED CENTERED AROUND THE GREEN

AT VARYING SPEED AND FORMATION. 2. A.OBSERVER AROSE FROM BED TO

ANSWER PHONE AND SIGHTED UFGB UPON GLANCING FROM BEDROOM WINDOW.

B.13 DEG ABOVE HORIZION, GENERALLY NE. C.VERY HIGH 75 TO 80 DEG,

WEST, D.GREEN OBJECT REMAINED HIGH, BUT RED OBJECTS DESCENDED VERY

LOW, AT THE APPEARANCE OF TTE INTERCEPTORS OBJECTS CONVERGED AND

ACCELERATED TO EXTREME ALTITUDE. E.MOVED WEST, SPEED MODERATE,

VERY HIGH. F.SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS. 3. A.GROUND VISUAL. B.N/A.

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1) 4E4
2) 4X2a
3) 4X2a

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note

large bright star
actions ~
in horizon